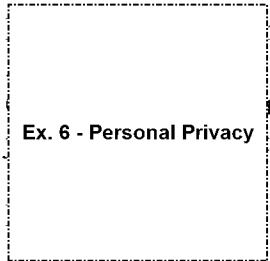




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Thank you for your electronic correspondence of January 16, 2014 to President Barack Obama which was received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), concerning the chemical spill in Charleston, West Virginia. EPA shares your concern about the Chemical Spill and the quality of the drinking water.

EPA has been monitoring the incident and has been in close communication with West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR). I wish to assure you that the West Virginia (WV) agencies have done everything possible to quickly respond to this emergency. We consider the WV agencies our partners in protecting the environment. They have taken the steps to correct this situation and restore the drinking water for the people of the Charleston area.

The Federal government, including EPA, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal bureau of Investigation (FBI), has mobilized our resources to support the WV agencies through every step of this emergency. An EPA emergency responder has been at Freedom Industries throughout the incident. EPA personnel from the Office of Drinking Water and Source Water Protection have been in contact with the WVDHHR and the West Virginia Water Company to provide assistance or advice. From the beginning the Federal and State response to the Chemical Spill has been conducted with mutual cooperation and communication.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Francis Burns, Branch Chief of EPA's Western Response Branch at 215-814-3245.

Sincerely,

Kathryn A. Hodgkiss, Acting Director
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